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Dear Friends,

The beautiful memory always remains with us that we had the opportunity to meet your representatives in the Vth Festival, Moscow, last year. We believe your committee has been informed by them about the successful Festival and the fruitful meeting with the IUS. We hope that all of you now are well and always successful in your work.

We are writing this letter to you about some of the decisions of our last meeting of the Executive Committee. As you probably know the meeting of the Executive Committee of the IUS was successfully held last month in Leipzig in the German Democratic Republic. The meeting was attended by the Executive members as well as a number of observers from member and non-member organizations. After listening to and discussing the situation and problems of the student movement today the Executive Committee passed a number of resolutions and approved the programme of activities to be organized or supported by the IUS in 1958. We hope you will receive the brochure with the resolutions and the programme very soon. Here, we would like to draw your attention to some of the decisions of this meeting.

First of all the most important decision of this meeting was that on the convocation of the Vth Congress of the IUS, which will be held from 4th-13th September this year in Peking, China. As you are an Asian country and particularly the neighbor of China we believe you will have more interest in the Congress. As you may find from the tentative agenda of the Congress it will deal with particular problems in connection with the students in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. It will be a very good opportunity for your representative to contact colleagues from the world particularly those from Asia and Africa as well as Chinese students. It will be a pleasure to listen to the voice of Thailand students in the Congress and we believe you will contribute a lot to the success of the forthcoming Congress. We would like to listen to any of your suggestions concerning the Congress if you have any.

We hope you will also find a big interest in the rich programme of activities of the IUS for this year. Among the many activities we would draw your attention to some of the more important events. There will be a seminar in June on Problems and Activities of National Students Organizations to be organized in cooperation with the IUS by Khartoum University Students Union in Khartoum, Sudan. The seminar will help the student organizations from different parts of the world to exchange their experiences and opinions of their work. It will undoubtedly contribute to international understanding among students. Other important events are the International Conferences on Economic and Social Problems of Students to be organized in August in Warsaw by the Polish Students Association and the Student Symposium on Student Activities for Peace to be organized in August in Tokyo by the All Japan Federation of Stu-

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dent Autonomies. Faculty Seminars on law, Medicine, Automation, Architecture, German Language, Mining, Education and others will be organized in different countries. We hope your students from the respective faculties will be interested in taking part.

A special feature of our last Executive Committee was the discussion and adoption of an appeal to the students of the World on Peace. This Appeal was proposed by the representative of the All Japan Federation of Student Autonomies. The Appeal especially called on the students of the world to join their efforts to ban unconditionally and immediately the testing of atomic and hydrogen weapons. For the Asian students it is very natural to support any steps for safeguarding world peace because they have suffered very much from the disaster of war. Therefore, we would like to invite you to express your support for this appeal.

In the meeting of the Executive Committee a number of resolutions especially referring to the problems of colonialism, like Algeria, Cyprus, West Africa, Cameroons, West Irian were passed and a special resolution to support the Asian African Solidarity Conference, Cairo, was also adopted.

Here we would like to suggest a strengthening of contacts between your organization and the IUS. We want to get information about your activities and the publications of your organization. We think this exchange will help our relations and mutual understanding.

By the way we would like to inform you that the next World Festival of Youth and Students will take place in 1959. The place has not yet been decided but the International Preparatory Committee will decide it finally in March 24th in Stockholm. We shall appreciate it very much if you could inform us of the opinions and suggestions of your organization about it. Finally, we would like to ask you one question, that is, who participated on behalf of () students in the Student Conference last year in Nigeria which was organized by the COSEC? As we were informed there is no united national student organization in Thailand. Could you supply us with any information about it?

Wishing you every success in your work.

Yours sincerely,
/s/ (in Japanese)
Vice-President of the IUS